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S 931

Federal Land Recreational Visitor Protection Act of 2004

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: Apr 29, 2003

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Census. (Oct 14, 2004)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Stevens, Ted [R-AK]

Party: Republican • State: AK • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Campbell, Ben Nighthorse [R-CO]	$R \cdot CO$		Apr 29, 2003
Sen. Domenici, Pete V. [R-NM]	$R \cdot NM$		Apr 29, 2003
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	$R \cdot UT$		Apr 29, 2003
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Apr 29, 2003
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	$R \cdot AK$		Apr 29, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 24, 2004
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jun 8, 2004
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 20, 2004
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 14, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Federal Land Recreational Visitor Protection Act of 2004 - Directs the Secretary of Agriculture to establish an avalanche protection program to: (1) provide early identification of the potential for avalanches that could endanger the safety of recreational users of public land and visitors to units of the National Park System (NPS); and (2) reduce the risks and mitigate the effects of avalanches on visitors, recreational users, neighboring communities, and transportation corridors.

Requires the Secretary and the Secretary of the Interior to: (1) use the resources of the National Avalanche Center of the Forest Service to carry out this Act; and (2) establish an advisory committee to assist in the development and implementation of the program.

Directs such Secretaries and the Secretary of the Army to establish a central depository for weapons, ammunition, and parts for avalanche control purposes, including an inventory that can be made available to Federal and non-Federal entities.

Authorizes the Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture to make grants to carry out projects and activities under the program to: (1) assist in the prevention, forecasting, detection, and mitigation of avalanches; (2) maintain essential transportation and communications; (3) assist avalanche artillery users to ensure the availability of adequate supplies of artillery and other explosives required for avalanche control in or affecting NPS units, other Federal land used for recreation, and adjacent communities, and essential transportation corridors; and (4) assist research and development activities for alternatives to minimize reliance on military weapons for avalanche control.

Authorizes appropriations.

Actions Timeline

- Oct 14, 2004: Referred to the Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census.
- Sep 24, 2004: Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.
- Sep 20, 2004: Referred to the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health.
- Sep 17, 2004: Received in the House.
- Sep 17, 2004: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- Sep 17, 2004: Referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
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- Sep 15, 2004: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S9349-9350; text as passed Senate: CR S9349-9350)
- Sep 15, 2004: Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S9349-9350; text as passed Senate: CR S9349-9350)
- Aug 25, 2004: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Domenici under authority of the order of the Senate of 07/22/04 with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. With written report No. 108-320.
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- Aug 25, 2004: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 676.
- Jul 14, 2004: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- Jun 8, 2004: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 108-638.
- Apr 29, 2003: Introduced in Senate
- Apr 29, 2003: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5486)
- Apr 29, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.